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SUMMARY: NEW CABINET LIST WILL PROBABLY BE
ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC BY OCTOBER 4 AND CABINET
FORMALLY INSTALLED BY OCT. 15. HIGH DEMOCRAT PARTY
OFFICIAL SAYS NEW COALITION WILL INCLUDE SAME PARTIES
AND NEW CABINET WILL FEATURE THE SAME FACES, THOUGH
SOME IN NEW POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO SURIN MATSADIT, MINISTER ATTACHED TO
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, IN STATEMENT TO PRESS
SEPTEMBER 29, THE NEW CABINET WILL FEATURE
THE SAME FACES BUT WITH A FEW INTER-MINISTERIAL
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TRANSFERS. HE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE DEMOCRAT

PARTY'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPT. 29 THAT THE NEW CABINET WILL CONSIST OF THE SAME FOUR PARTIES, FOLLOWING THE SAME QUOTA OF MINISTERIAL POSTS FOR EACH PARTY. ALL THE PRESENT DEMOCRAT CABINET MEMBERS WILL BE IN THE NEW CABINET, BUT THERE WOULD BE A FEW INTER-MINISTERIAL CHANGES. HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSED LIST STILL MUST BE CONFIRMED BY THE DEMOCRAT PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THEN RATIFIED BY THE PARTY MP'S BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL BY ALL COALITION PARTIES.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 30 PRIME MINISTER M.R. SENI PRAMOT CONFIRMED THAT THE NAMES OF THE NEW CABINET MEMBERS WILL PROBABLY BE MADE PUBLIC BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 4. BUT HE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT "AT THE LAST MINUTE, SOME OBSTACLE MIGHT CROP UP."

3. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CHAIWAT TRAIYASUNAN SAID ON SEPTEMBER 29 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT ITS POLICY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BEFORE THE CURRENT SESSION ENDS ON OCTOBER 14.

4. COMMENT: ALL SIGNS PRESENTLY INDICATE THAT THE SAME PARTIES WILL COMPRISE THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE NEW CABINET WILL FEATURE THE SAME OLD FACES. IF THIS IS INDEED THE CASE THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN EITHER THE CONTENT OR THE STYLE OF THAI DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN POLICY. WE WILL REVIEW SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CABINET CRISIS IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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